

EIMS and SIF News – March 16, 2006



I want **YOU**
To Pre-sub

Pre-subbing your file now will identify duplicate STIs that you can resolve now instead of during crunch time. The more divisions that pre-sub the more duplicates that will be discovered and the happier life will be for everyone.

EIMS Improvements

There were so many good suggestions, but so little time to get them all in by the February 17th release, so Pearson is going to have a minor release which will be ready to use on Friday, March 31st after 4:00pm.

Don't be misled by the word, "minor". There are some really cool improvements such as automating the STI Split and Merge function, which will come in handy during the SRC submission.

Other improvement include:

- Potential Match - Next & Previous navigation
- Student Detail - full historical information
- Filters - file type and status within File Management
- Change order of data elements on Potential Match based on importance
- Update of FAQ and File Management Procedure
- Ability of system to perform a rematch if there are duplicate students to be resolved and not forcing the user to resolve each one
- Orange highlighting when the STIs are different in Needs Resolution
- Addition of Serving Division and Serving School to Student Add screen
- Text edit on the Managing Data Screen and Student Search Screen (date of birth)
- Java fix to correct the effect of clicking REFRESH icon
- Removing SEARCH filter on the Student Search screen
- Changing default value on the Student Search/Add screen

Also, please note that there will be no Download Button for Student Search because when a student is searched and found the record displayed has the previous division's Local ID, which doesn't help in downloading the record from the Student Search into your SIS. You will have to develop a manual procedure of getting the STI into your SIS. Or you can simply upload the student into EIMS and the system will grab the STI and create a Download button in the regular way.

WebEx Training for File Management Improvements

If you were not able to get into a live WebEx session, then here is a link to recorded WebEx sessions for File Management Update changes, Student Search and Add functionality.

AND

WebEx Training for Preliminary SOL Reports

Beginning Monday, March 20th there will be three Preliminary SOL Reports

Click on Recorded Sessions and choose the appropriate session from this link:

<https://vadoe.webex.com/vadoe/mywebex/default.php?Rnd9217=0.19804940909363255>

SIF

There are now eleven divisions up on SIF and more in the process. Thirty-five are SIFing or actively pursuing implementing SIF.

The SIFA organization provides free tools that help you plan for SIF and DOE recommends you complete the Implementation Readiness Tool because it addresses a comprehensive implementation of SIF and not just the vertical integration the DOE is now offering. Below is a description of the tool.

SIF Implementation Readiness Tool - <http://siftoolkit.espsg.com>

SIF Implementation Readiness Tool has been designed to help schools, districts and states develop effective status reports and strategic planning opportunities around educational technology usage. The purpose of the SIF Implementation Readiness Tool is to provide LEAs with a gap analysis regarding their capacity and preparedness to implement the Schools Interoperability Framework (SIF) technologies. You may choose to answer all or part of the questions depending upon the scope of your particular project and current technology readiness. Once completed, an editable document plan (in Word format) will be produced using the responses provided and emailed to you. The plan will include next step recommendations regarding your SIF implementation. You may return periodically to update your plan and produce a new document. You may also add more content to the document using your word processor.

Each page of the readiness tool also contains a “Save & Exit” button that allows you to save your responses and exit the system. This allows you to return to the tool at a later time. In order to successfully save your answers without completing the tool, you must click this button before you close your browser. Upon leaving the readiness tool, note where you left off so that when you revisit the site you can navigate to the appropriate place. Below is the table of contents for the tool.

It will take approximately ninety minutes to complete this readiness tool. This does not include the time required to gather necessary data.

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